Penalizing of pharma companies on false claims

3298. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to penalize the pharmaceutical companies who advertise false claims;

(b) the number of cases reported in the last five years; and

(c) the steps taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c): The advertisements of certain drugs for the treatment of specified diseases and disorders is regulated under the Drugs & Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954. The Act is administered by the officers appointed for the purpose by the State Governments.

The action in respect of cases detected for the violation of the said Act is taken by the State Licensing Authorities. The data is not being maintained centrally.

Increasing of basic amenities for patients visiting AIIMS

†3299. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 39,033 patients have been admitted AIIMS, New Delhi during the year 2005-06 as compared to a total of 3,752 patients in the year 2003-04;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been no increase in basic amenities, doctors, experts, assistants and other testing equipments despite increase in the number of patients admitted in AIIMS, New Delhi;

(c) whether it is also a fact that death rate among admitted patients has also increased as compared to increase in admission of patients; and

(d) if so, comprehensive details thereof upto the year 2006-07, year-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.